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SUBJECT: SPOKANE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION 1974

1. COMMISSIONER GENERAL HENDERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. COLE, WARNES AND ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, MADE PRESENTATION JULY 30 ON SPOKANE EXPO TO MFA DIRGEN FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION HARTOGH, MFA ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS EXPERT WEISGLAS, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DIVISION BUWALDA. HENDERSON EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF SPOKANE EXPO AS ONLY BIE-APPROVED EXPOSITION IN US DURING '70'S AND AS DESIGNATED EVENT IN US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. HE POINTED TO PROBABLY PARTICIPATION OF OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES SUCH AS SOVIET UNION, SOUTH KOREA, AND HOPEFULLY SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS.

2. HARTOGH WAS CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC BUT ALSO PRAGMATIC. HE
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ASKED HOW DUTCH PARTICIPATION WOULD SERVE DUTCH POLICY OBJECTIVES AND

SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REACTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER VORRINK TO HENDERSON'S BRIEFING EARLIER THAT DAY (HAGUE 3362).

3. HENDERSON POINTED TO WELL KNOWN LEADERSHIP OF DUTCH IN MATTERS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TO PROBABLE ATTENDANCE AT SPOKANE OF OVER 5 MILLION PEOPLE DURING SIX MONTHS OF EXPO PLUS AUDIENCE OF PERHAPS 500 MILLION THROUGH PRESS AND TV. HARTOGH APPEARED RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT MRS. VORRINK, DESPITE HER INITIAL SKEPTICISM, SEEMED TO HAVE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD EXPO AFTER HER MEETING WITH HENDERSON. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO POSSIBLE CONTENT OF DUTCH EXHIBIT IN EVENT FUNDS COULD BE FOUND TO FINANCE IT.

4. BUWALDA, WHOSE DIVISION ADMINISTERS MFA BUDGET FOR CULTURAL EVENTS, EXPRESSED HIMSELF QUITE NEGATIVELY THROUGHOUT MEETING. BUWALDA SAID THAT DUTCH WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IN SOME FASHION IN US BICENTENNIAL BUT THAT EXPO 74 SEEMED UNLIKELY AND PREMATURE VEHICLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. HARTOGH WAS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN STATE OR PLAY WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND MADE POINT THAT DECISION OF LARGER EC COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE, FRG OR UK WOULD BE LESS HELPFUL AS BASIS FOR JUSTIFYING DUTCH PARTICIPATION THAN WOULD FAVORABLE DECISION BY SMALLER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND OR BELGIUM. LIKE MRS. VORRINK HE WAS UNHAPPY THAT OFFICIAL EC EXHIBIT NOW SEEMS OUT OF QUESTION. HARTOGH SAID THAT NO DECISION COULD BE MADE BY DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN ANY CASE UNTIL LATE AUGUST WHEN MINISTERS RETURN FROM HOLIDAYS BUT IMPLIED IF SMALL COUNTRIES SHOULD DECIDE TO EXHIBIT THERE IS FAIR CHANCE THAT DUTCH WOULD COME IN TOO, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIES OF SCALE THROUGH COOPERATION WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS.
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